

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Specification and Abstract

The Specification and Abstract have been amended to eliminate the informalities identified by the Examiner, e.g., a minor typographical error, and Abstract length greater than 150 words. Additionally, the Specification has been amended to include mention of reference character 4. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added as a result of this change because, as indicated in the Office Action, the amendment incorporates a reference character that appeared in the originally-filed Figures.

Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

Applicants note that 37 CFR 1.121 (h) states that each section of an amendment document must begin on a separate sheet, however, it does not state that the Abstract is a separate section in this regard. Applicants hereby resubmit the amendments to the specification filed on March 17, 2004, with the amendments to the Abstract provided on a separate sheet.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at the number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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